Learning To Love God in Every Season: Lessons from David's Life and Psalms

Loving God When No One Else Sees

The Lord said to Samuel,
"Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him.
For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks on the heart."
(1 Sam. 16:7)

Let's begin our exploration of David by working backward from the New Testament ...

*"God raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David, the son of Jesse, **a man after my heart**, who will do all my will.'" – Acts 13:22*

That is the Bible's definitive assessment of David.

Now let's see how David's story *began*, starting with Saul ...

*14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. **The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart**, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." – 1 Samuel 13:14*

God reveals the king He has already chosen ...

What God announced in judgment against Saul, He now makes visible in His choice of David.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

God did not choose David because of what he would one day become in the eyes of men. God chose David because of what he _____ before Him.

David had learned to live before God in obscurity. And when the time came, God made visible what He had been shaping all along – a Godward heart.

What Is a Godward Heart?

A Godward heart is a heart that _____.

A Godward heart is ...

Attentive to God's _____

Full of _____ at God

Freely _____ before God

_____ to the will of God

How Do You Cultivate a Godward Heart?

Recover the discipline of _____.

_____ to include God in ordinary life.

Be _____ before God.

_____ daily to God's will as revealed in God's word.

Conclusion:

David did not become a man after God's own heart overnight.

He became that man by living before God, listening to God, speaking honestly to God, and yielding himself to God – day after day, where no one else but God could see.

As he did, he developed a confident trust in the _____ and _____ of God that would carry over into every area of his life!

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